

Testimony of Jacob Scatton

Appropriations Committee

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Good evening Connecticut Legislators and Senators and to whom else this may concern:

My name is Jacob Scatton and I live in Avon. Connecticut Legal Rights Project met with me in early 2015, two years ago. CLRP assisted me with a housing case. Due to their amazing work, I was able to obtain affordable housing and continue on with my life without experiencing the major disruption of homelessness. This is now my third time testifying before you—I continue to strive and make positive steps toward building a successful future.

The impact and help I received with what feels like just yesterday has allowed me to continue with my life and pursue and reach goals: I am onto my third semester in college and expected to receive my degree in 2018. Also, I was able to obtain a professional license relative to a job I had accepted in the spring of 2016. The ability to accomplish these goals would have not been possible without the services offered by CLRP.

In addition to the above mentioned, the overall help made available by this wonderful organization has allowed me much peace of mind. Truly, the ability in knowing you have safe and affordable housing is substantial. Happily, I have even been able to focus on trimming down to a healthier weight, which was something I had been dealing with since the time I initially met with the organization. All deserve the right to receive the services I experienced a few years ago; certainly, it can be life changing. It has allowed me to continue with reaching my fullest potential. I was even appointed to CLRP's Board of Directors in 2016. I pray and ask that funding not be taken away from this organization.